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SUBJECT: UNEP STAFFING

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1. KHOSLA HAS STILL NOT RETURNED FROM TRAVELS. PERMREP WILL ATTEMPT TO SEE HIM DURING GOVERNING COUNCIL AND GET RUNDOWN ON HIS FAILURE TO MEET WITH RICHES AND ON PLANS FOR FILLING IRS POSITION FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT HAD ARRANGED MEETING WITH RICHES WHICH KHOSLA FAILED TO ATTEND, OR IF KHOSLA SIMPLY DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH RICHES.

2. IN HURRIED CONVERSATION WITH THACHER DURING MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON DESERTIFICATION, PERMREP OBTAINED FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON POTENTIAL/CERTAIN VACANCIES:

A. FAUCHON, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, IS DEFINITELY LEAVING IN OCTOBER.

B. KHOSLA NOT, REPEAT NOT, LEAVING UNEP. (PERMREP NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN POSITION TO JUDGE RELATIVE RELIABILITY OF SOURCE REPORTED PARA 5, REFTEL AND THACHER, BUT THACHER WAS ADAMENT ON THIS POINT.) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KHOSLA MAY WELL BE TAPPED TO SUCCEED FAUCHON, WHICH WOULD LEAVE DIRECTORSHIP OF IRS VACANT. THACHER FELT KHOSLA WOULD NOT WISH TO LEAVE IRS BEFORE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER IN ANY EVENT.

C. DECISION STILL NOT TAKEN ON DIRECTORSHIP ON DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. HOWEVER, SELLA WILL PROBABLY BE NAMED AS PERMANENT DIRECTOR, THEREBY VACATING GEMS DIRECTORSHIP.

D. DEPUTY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NDEGWA LEAVING IN JULY OR AUGUST; NO SUCCESSOR NAMED AS YET.

E. DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION DIVISION MATHESON RETIRES DECEMBER 31. (THACHER WOULD PRESS FOR EARLIER RETIREMENT IF QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR AVAILABLE AND MATHESON RETIREMENT BENEFITS NOT AFFECTED.)

F. DAVID LAMBO, DIRECTOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLEARING HOUSE, WILL PROBABLY REPLACE GLITTENBERG (VIENNA 4041) COMBINING PRESENT JOB WITH REGIONAL LIASON OFFICES POST.

3. UNEP HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION OF CHRISTENSON SECONDMENT THROUGH END OF 1979 (NAIROBI 4777). DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE INFORMATION THAT HE WILL NOT IN FACT BE STAYING? (PARA 6 REFTEL)

4. THACHER INDICATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FINDING QUALIFIED AMERICAN TO REPLACE MATHESON IN INFORMATION DIVISION. APPLICANT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAMILIAR WITH UN SYSTEMS AND SHOULD BE ABLE ADMINSTRATOR. HE WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN ACTUAL PREPARATION OF MATERIALS BUT RATHER SEE TO IT THAT IT WAS DONE. POSITION AT D-1 LEVEL.

5. PERMREP ALSO FEELS QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE GOOD CHANCE FOR EITHER GEMS DIRECTORSHIP OR IRS DIRECTORSHIP. GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION AND PRESENCE OF DON KING WILL PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THESE QUESTIONS.

6. ADMAD HAS STILL NOT INFORMED TOLBA/THACHER OF HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE. HE HAS TOLD PERMREP, HOWEVER, THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE PICKED UP STORY FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN POST.  
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